

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an encoding method and an encoding circuit, which consumes a reduced power at the variable length coding. This encoding circuit includes an EOB detector between a quantizer and an encoder, for detecting the rearmost non-zero quantized coefficients in a processing target block and outputting the position of the detected end as a control signal. The encoder performs a variable length coding process for the quantized coefficients up to the position indicated by the control signal, added an EOB code, and pauses the variable length coding process.